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## Survival Tips for Entrepreneurs

Moderator: **Dr. Danielle Applestone**

Presenters: **Dr. Gregory Poilasne, Kristin Sampayan, Tim Latimer, Leila Madrone,  
Dr. Kristin Denault**



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## Broadening Storage Technologies Beyond Lithium-Ion

Moderator: **Edward Randolph**

Presenters: **Laurence Abcede, Richard Wirz, Philippe Bouchard, Rick Winter,  
Byron Washom**



# 2019 EPIC Symposium Broadening Storage Technologies Beyond Lithium Ion



## Vanadium Redox Flow Battery Demonstration at San Diego Gas & Electric Company



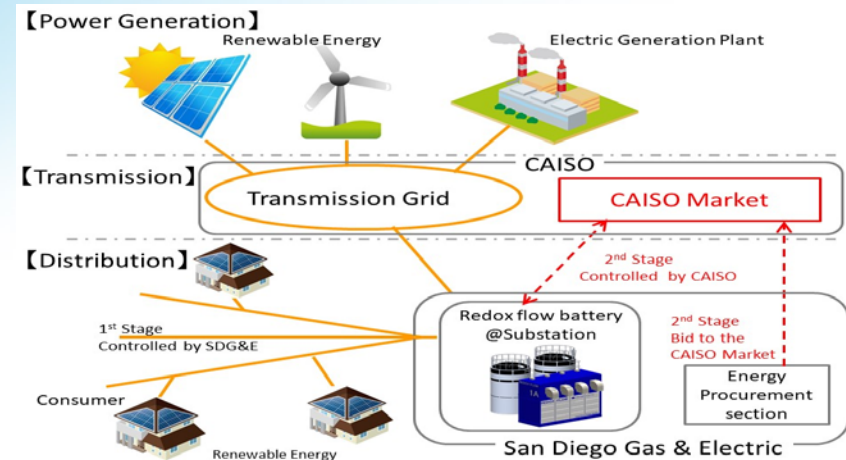
Laurence Abcede  
Distributed Energy Resources

February 19, 2019

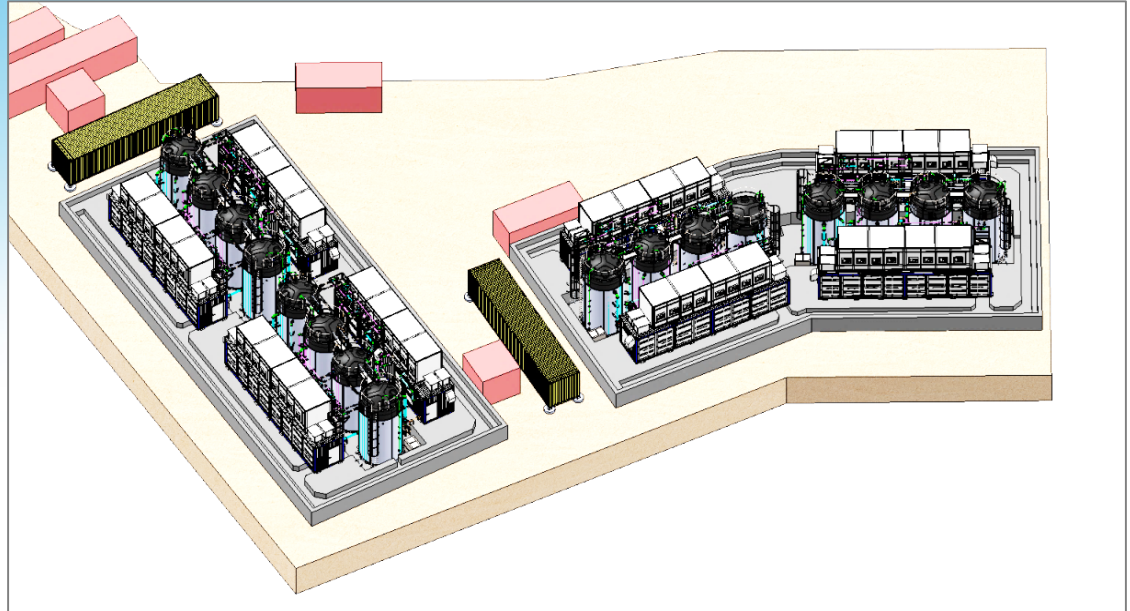


# SDG&E / SEI VRF History

- The New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) and Sumitomo Electric (SEI), sought a California IOU partner for a United States demonstration project
- Provide a full-scale system, between 2-8 MW, to support any use case determined by the IOU
- SDG&E was chosen as the IOU member to partner with SEI.
- Miguel Substation in Bonita, CA was chosen as the most suitable location
- SEI and SDG&E signed an agreement on April 2016
- The VRF Battery was commissioned and fully operational on June 2017
- The VRF Battery is participating in the CAISO marketplace as of December 2018



# Miguel Vanadium Redox Flow Battery Installation

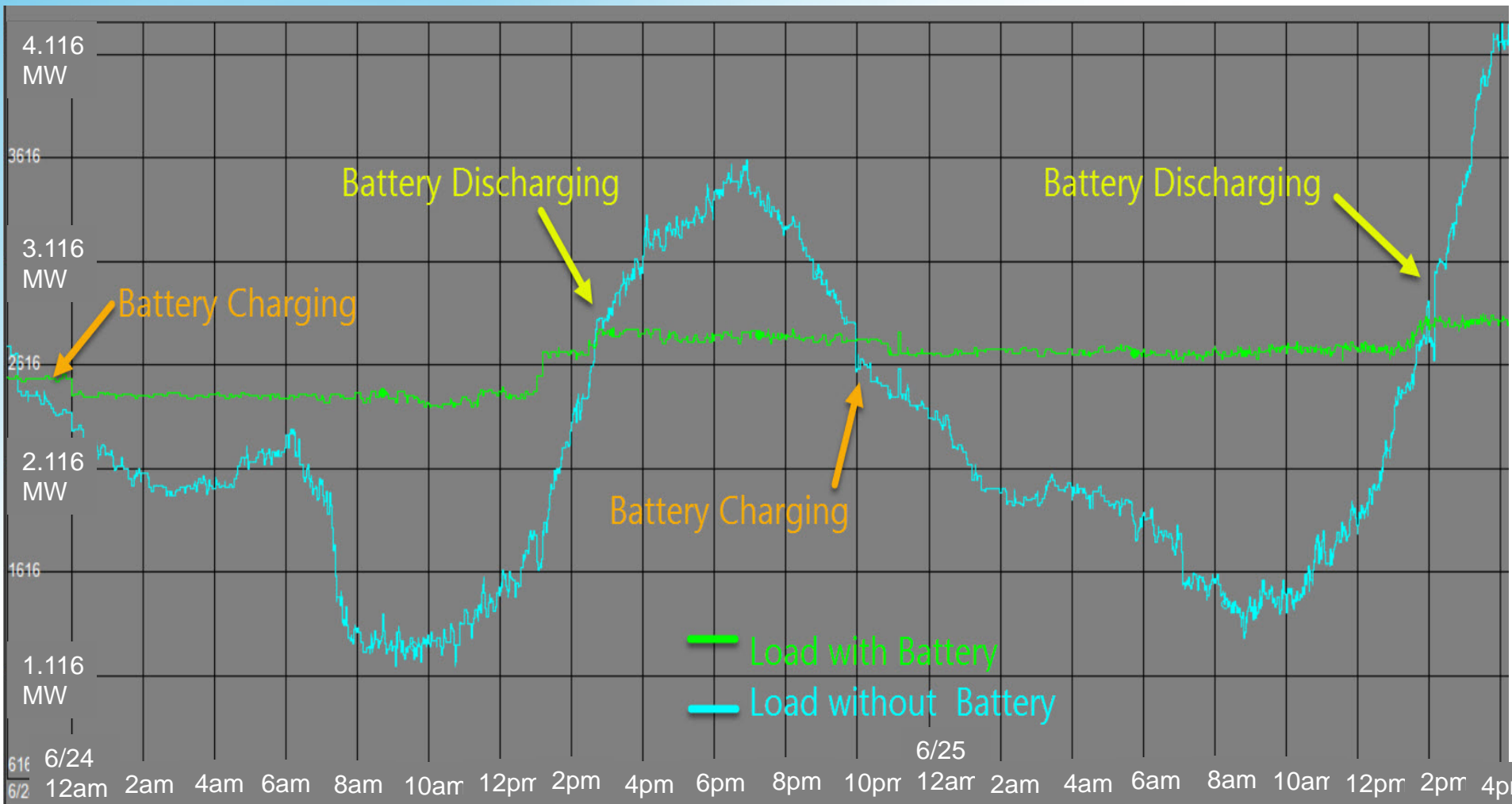




# Example of Operation



A Sempra Energy utility®





# Summary of Lessons Learned

## Needs

- Multi-Purpose Asset
- Mitigate intermittency of PV
- Store excess renewables
- Ramp support

## Demonstrate

- Limitless Cycles
- Long Lifetime
- Use of High Power PCS
- Efficiency Enhancement

## Use Case Drives Technology Choice

- Power vs. energy
- Technology cost
- Technology safety



# Questions?



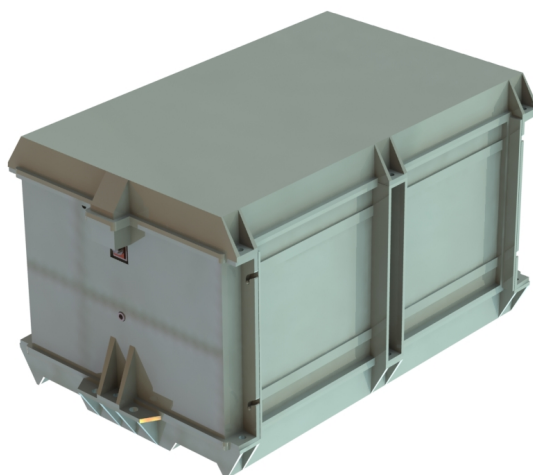
# Thank You

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## Znyth® Battery Specification

### Design 132



Characteristic	Units	Parameter
Nominal Voltage	V <sub>DC</sub>	64
Voltage Range	V <sub>DC</sub>	44 to 82
Rated Power	kW	0.5
Rated Energy	kWh	2.0
Nominal Discharge Current	A <sub>DC</sub>	8.0
Maximum Current	A <sub>DC</sub>	22
Short Circuit Current	A <sub>DC</sub>	350 maximum
Short Circuit Time Constant (L/R)		< 5ms
Round Trip DC Efficiency	%	Approximately 75 at 100% DoD
Self-Discharge	Whr/hr	25
UL Rating		UL 1973 (pending)
Optimum Operating Temperature (Ambient)	°C	10 to 45
Maximum Operating Temperature (Ambient)	°C	-20 to 55
Dimensions (H x W x D)	in. (cm)	15.36 x 17.05 x 27.41 (39.0 x 43.3 x 69.6)
Weight	Lbs (kg)	~275 (125)

Table 1: Summary of the Znyth Battery Gen 2.0 Beta (CID 132)

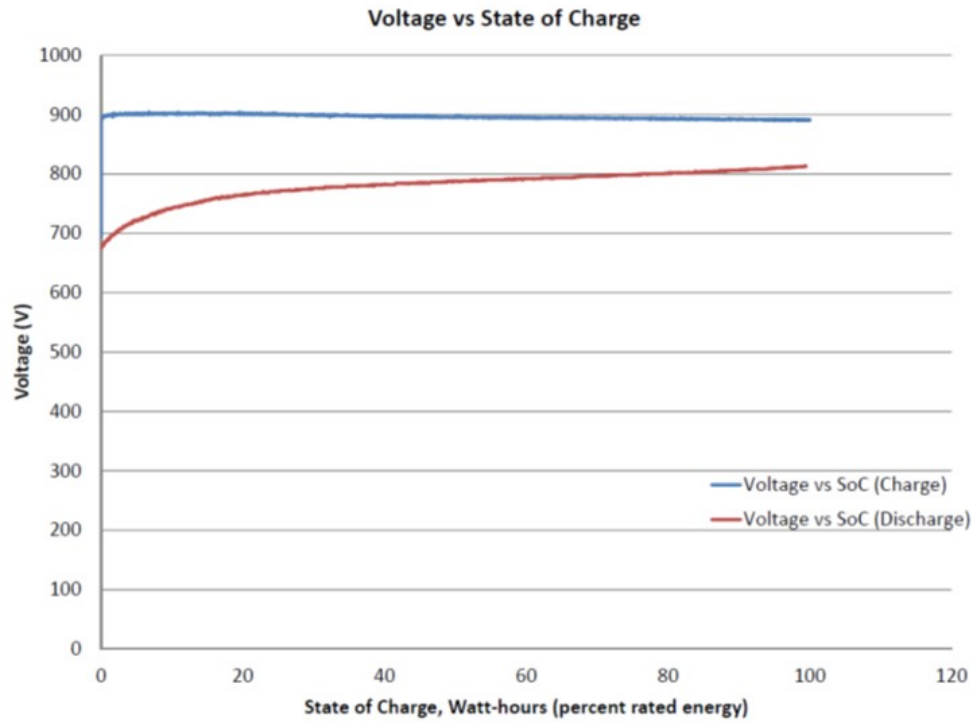
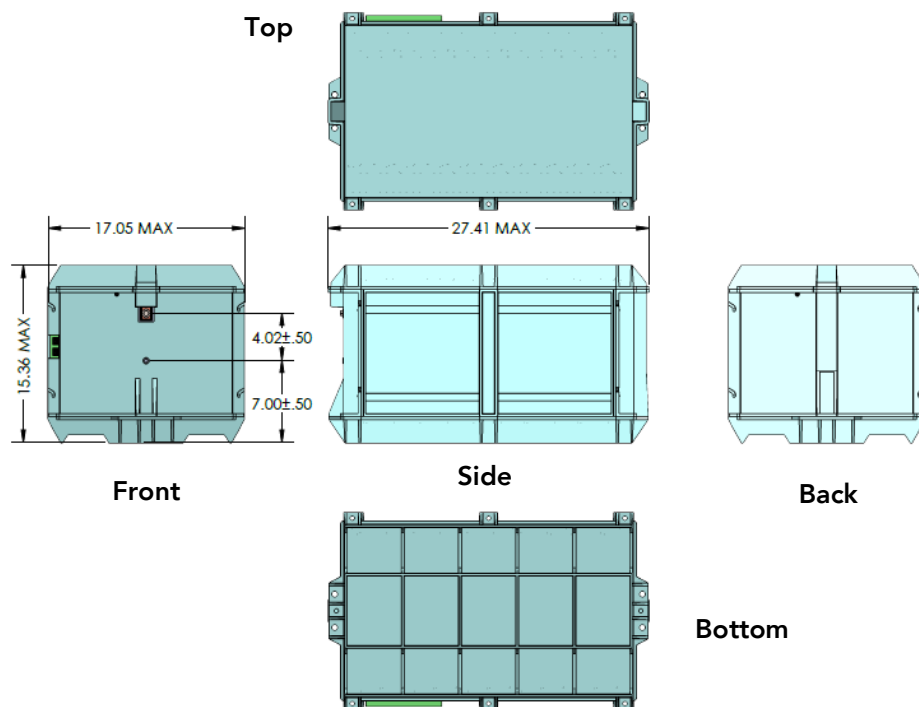
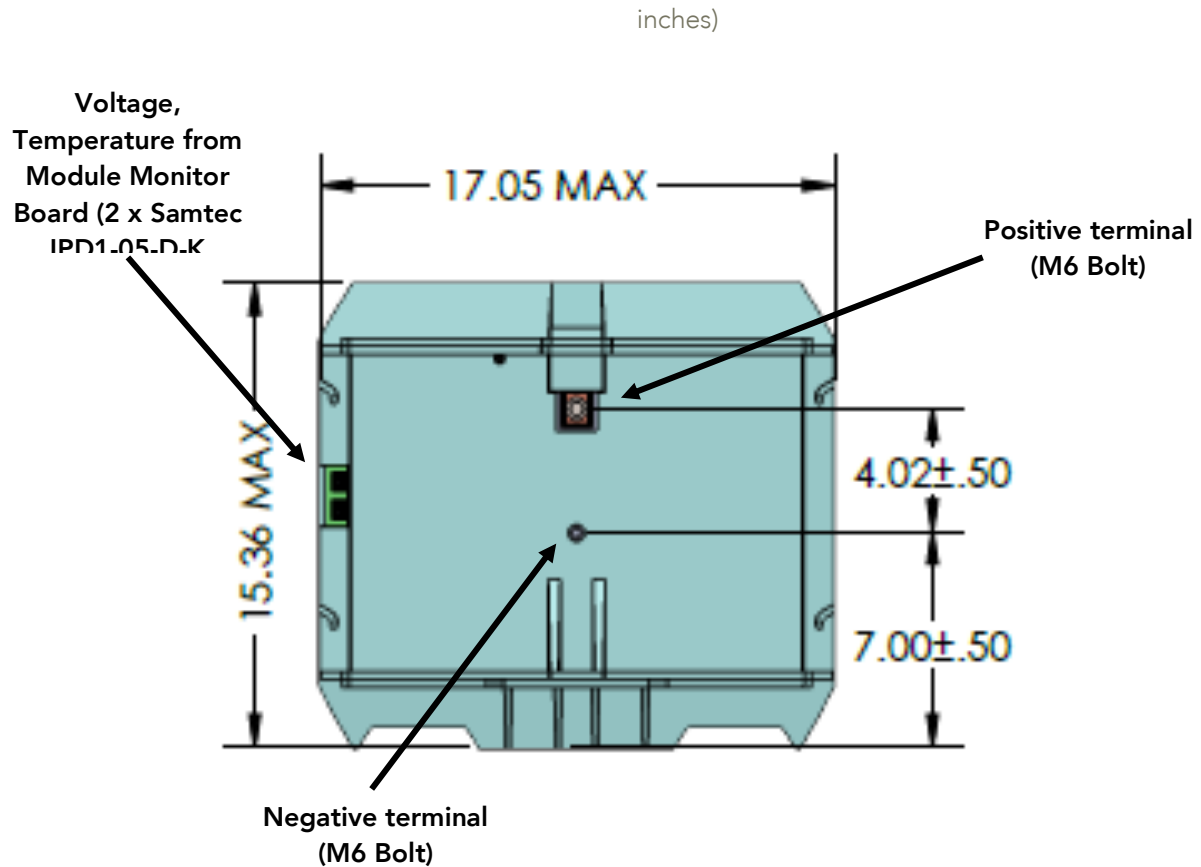


Figure1: Charge/Discharge VDC vs. SOC (@C/4 Charge/Discharge Rate)



View 1: Battery Drawings (dimensions in





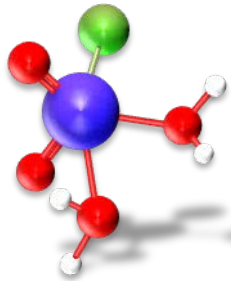
View 2: Front panel with terminals and connection  
ports  
(dimensions are in inches)

# UniEnergy Technologies

Rick Winter, CEO



## Commercializing High Performance Vanadium Flow Batteries



10MW/40MWh on 15,000ft<sup>2</sup>



2012, 2013, 2014

- [IP DEVELOPMENT](#)
- Electrochemical, Mechanical, Power & Controls Engineering

2015, 2016, 2017

- [PRICELESS FIELD EXPERIENCE](#)
- Understanding Customers
- Contract Manufacturing

2018

- [PIVOT TO REFLEX™](#)
- Customer Driven Design
- Flexible, Modular, Resilient

2019

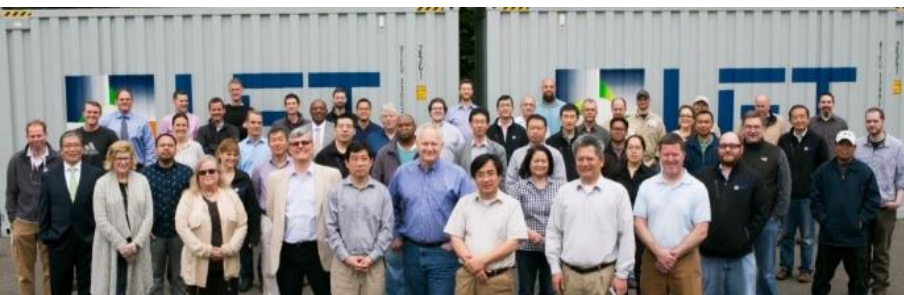
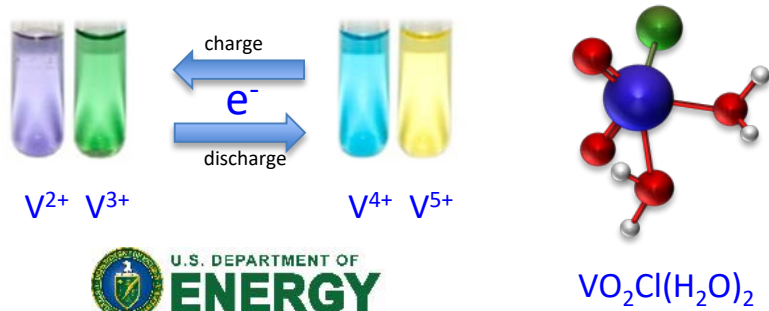
- [100kW C&I PROJECTS](#)
- High System Availability
- Industrial Design

2020

- [ELECTRICITY WAREHOUSING](#)
- E'lyte Leasing
- Storage-as-a-Service



UET + RKP + BNM + US DOE + DICP + 32 Utility and C&I Customers = ReFlex™



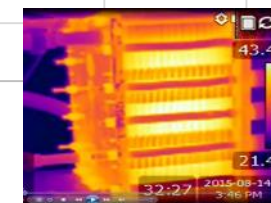
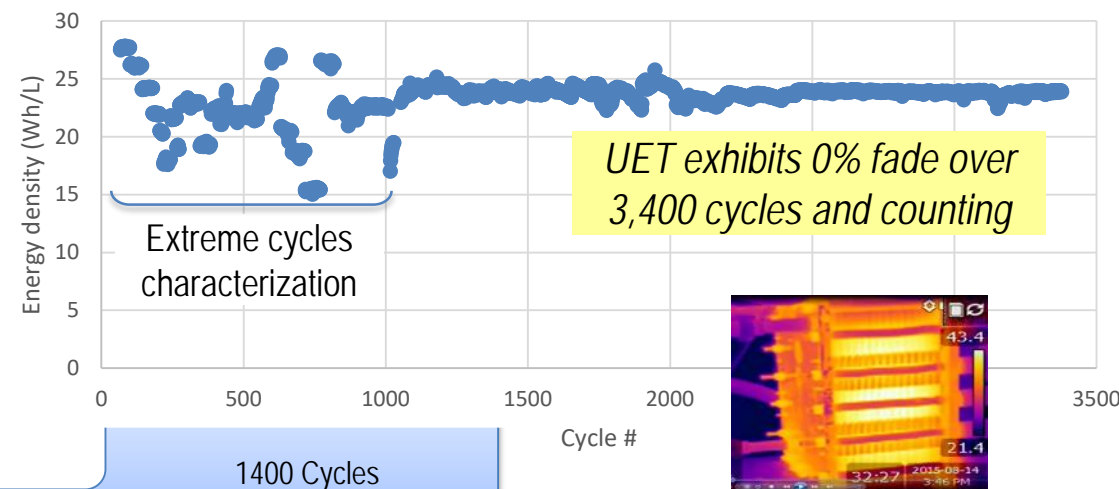
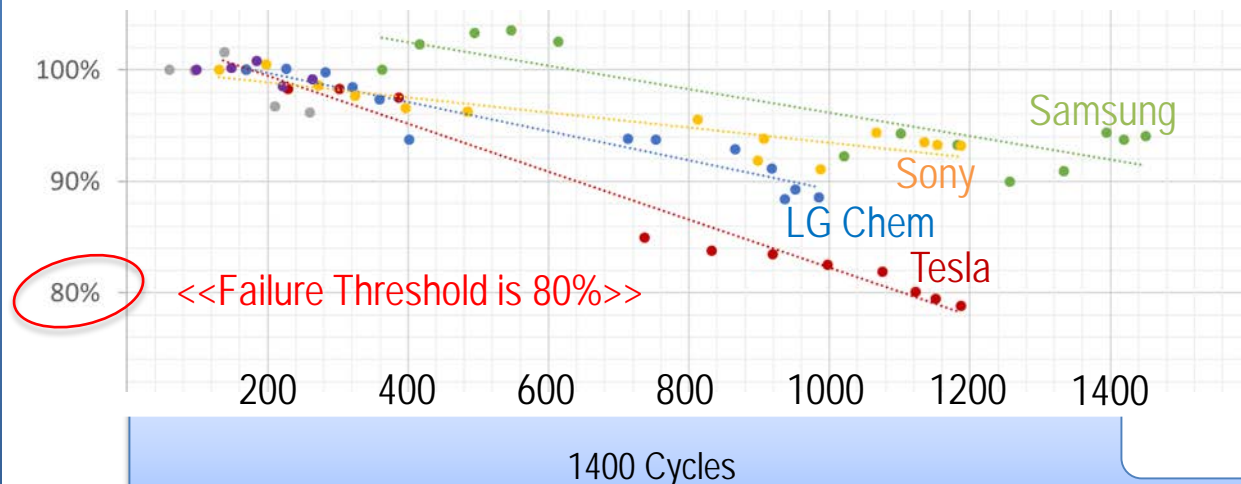
*\$500MM collaboration over 15 years to deliver the most resilient, safe and cost-effective battery for bulk electricity storage*





# UET's no-fade performance is a strong advantage over leading lithium technologies that degrade 15-20% over 12 months

Source: <http://batterytestcentre.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Battery-Testing-Report-4-March-2018.pdf>



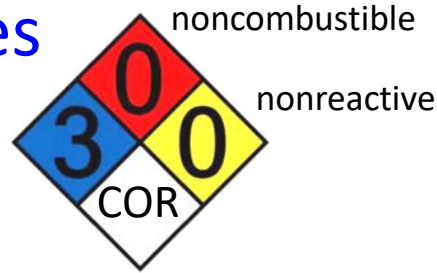
Full scale stack under short circuit testing

- All state-of-the-art lithium batteries are exhibiting precipitous capacity fade after only 12 months of testing
- Tests are performed within manufacturers recommended SOC limits and including obligatory rest periods between charging and discharging
- Lithium batteries are typically deemed to have failed at 80% capacity due to accelerating decay mechanisms

- UET's vanadium flow batteries do not exhibit any capacity fade over >3400 cycles to 100% DOD with no rest periods between cycles
- This performance stability substantially eliminates operational risks when deploying large scale electricity storage plants



# Compelling Safety of Flow Batteries



- Aqueous electrolytes that comprise most flow batteries are non-flammable and non-reactive with water
- Stopping the pumps switches off the chemical reaction
- Stranded energy in the stacks is insufficient to cause re-ignition hazards or arc flash
- Electrolyte and other materials are not a fuel source, but may release hazardous materials when exposed to a sustained external fire

## Lithium Batteries

**1. FIRES:** More than 20  
Lithium Battery Fires  
>1MWh in the last year



12MWh lithium fire, June 2018  
Jeonnam Province, Korea



### 2. EXPLOSIVE RE-IGNITION

Three experienced firefighters were severely burned after this 2.5MWh lithium fire was contained

**3. TOXIC FUMES:** this lithium battery with state-of-the-art fire protection failed during commissioning, closing freeways and evacuating citizens



## Networking Break and Poster Session



## Non-Battery Solutions for Grid Flexibility

Moderator: **Matthew Tisdale**

Presenters: **Tom Tansy, Dr. Ajit Renjit, Dr. Edward Cazalet**



# Flexibility Enabled by Rule 21 Ph 3 Functions

Update on CEC 16-079 Grp 4

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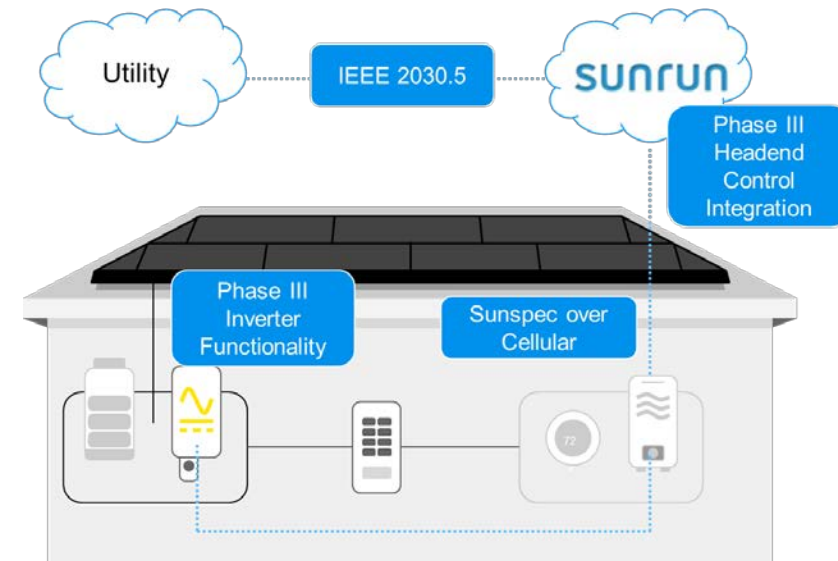


# CA Rule 21 Phase 3 Functions

No.	Function Name
1	Monitor Key DER data
2	DER Cease to Energize and Return to Service Command
3	Limit Maximum Active Power Mode
4	Set Active Power Mode
5	Frequency-Watt Mode
6	Volt-Watt Mode
7	Dynamic Reactive Current Support
8	Scheduling Power values and Modes – Volt/VAR, Power Factor and Volt/Watt

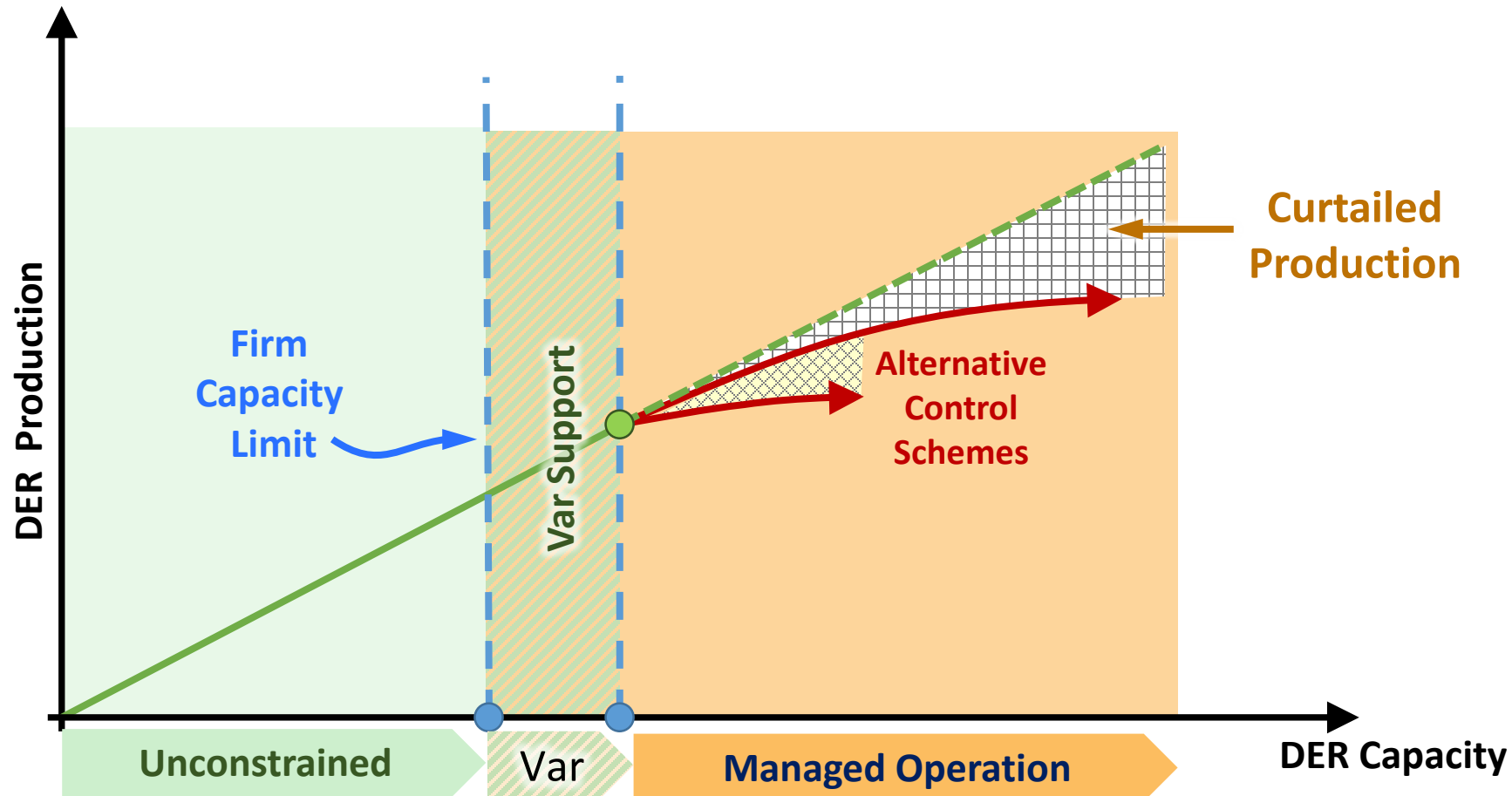
## Project Plan:

- Feeder Modeling and Economic Assessment of Phase III Functions
- Implementation of Phase III Functions
- Develop Compliance Test Procedures
- Laboratory and Field Evaluation
- Cyber Security Testing and Public Key Infrastructure



# Flexibility Enabled by Rule 21 Ph 3 Functions

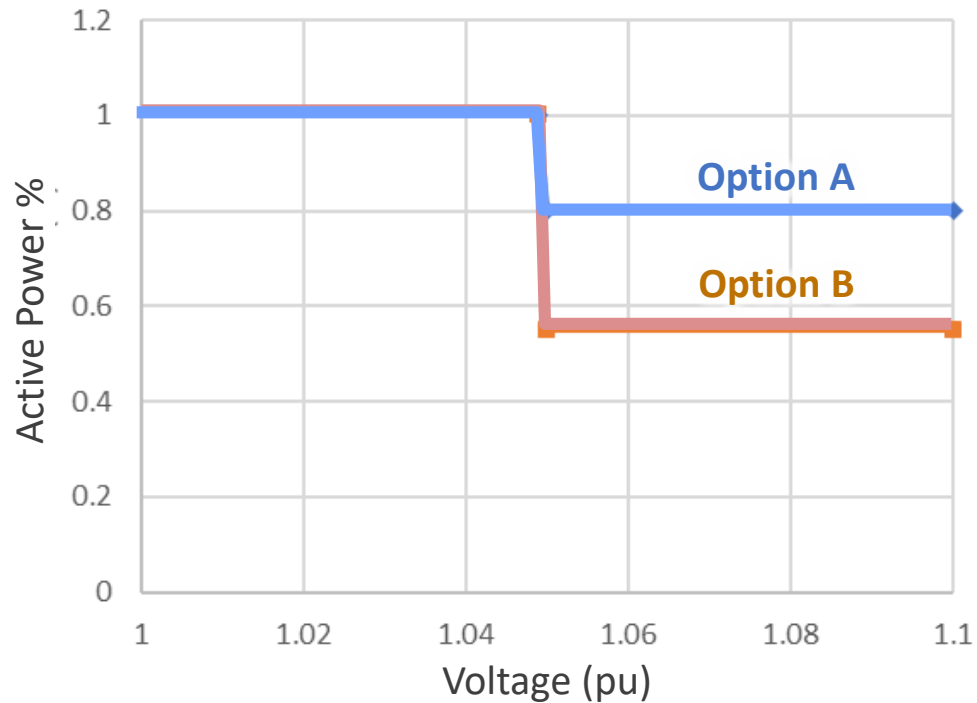
*Ph 3 Functions when **managed** (DERMS) enables **more DER capacity to interconnect** by managing **real-power** output of DER to stay within **grid-level constraints**.*



# Flexibility Enabled by Rule 21 Ph 3 Functions

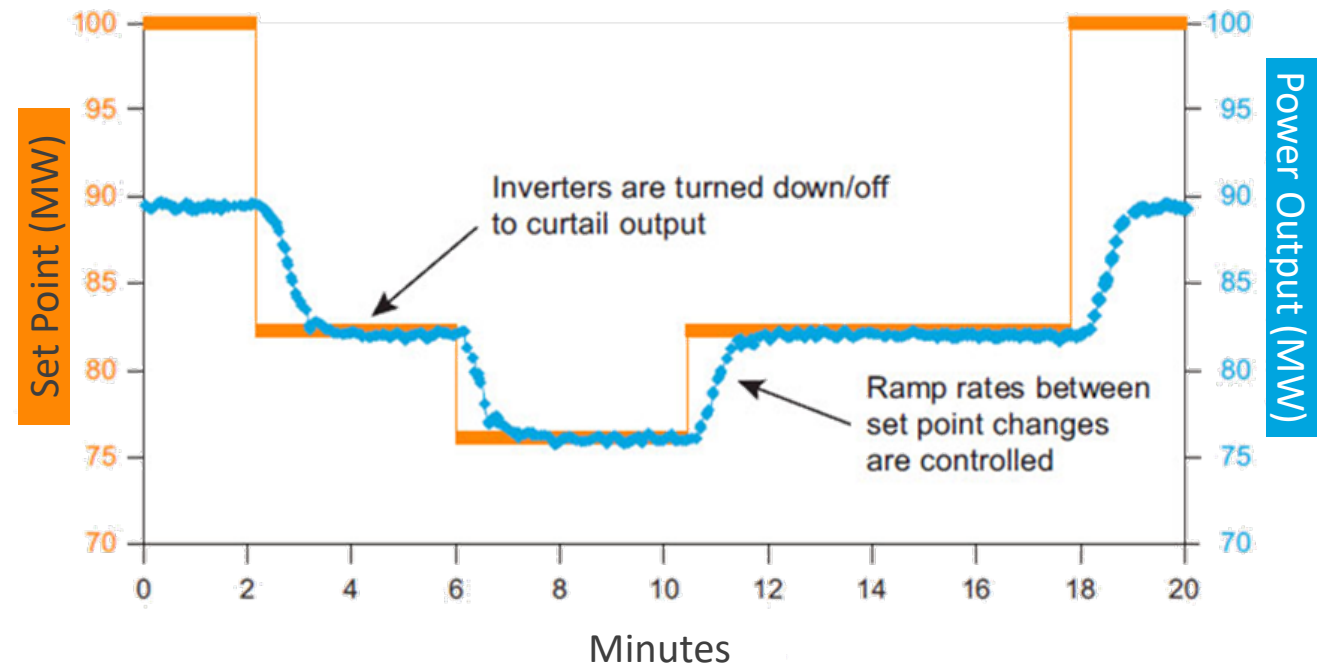
## Autonomous Control

Rule 21 Ph 3



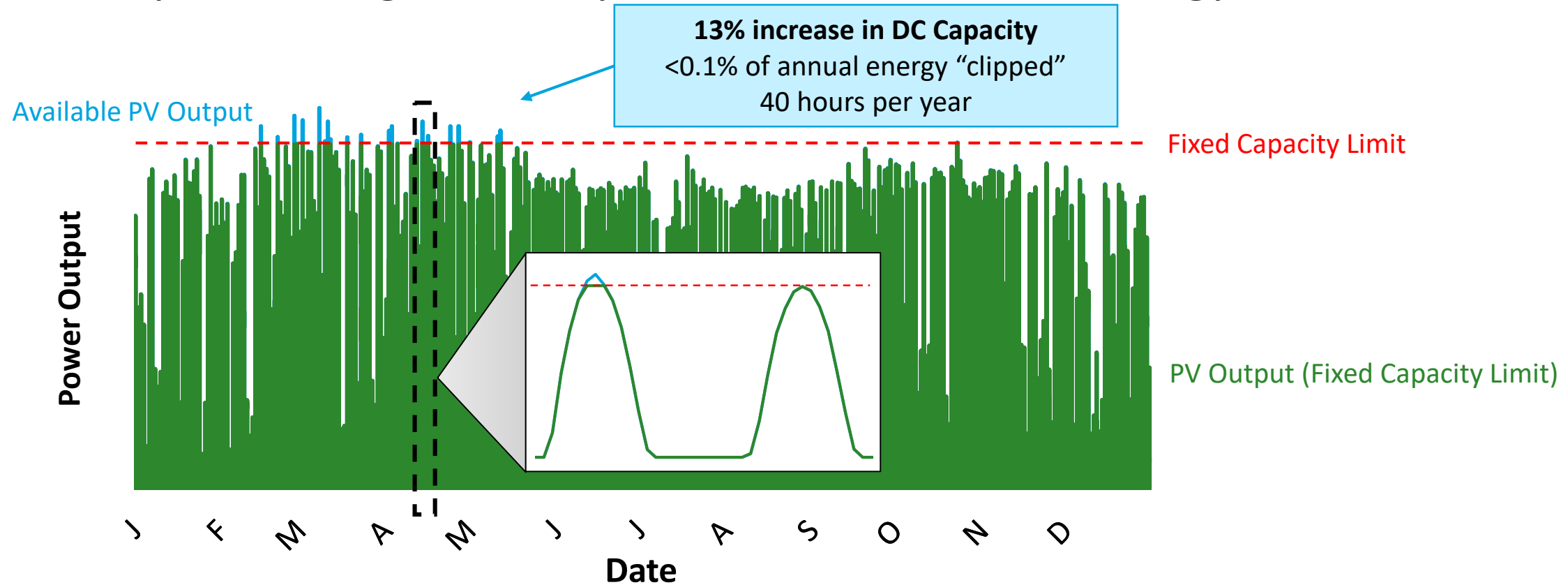
## Managed Control

Rule 21 Ph 3 Fxns.  
when Managed



# Flexibility Enabled by Rule 21 Ph 3 Functions

Optimal PV system designs already curtail available solar energy

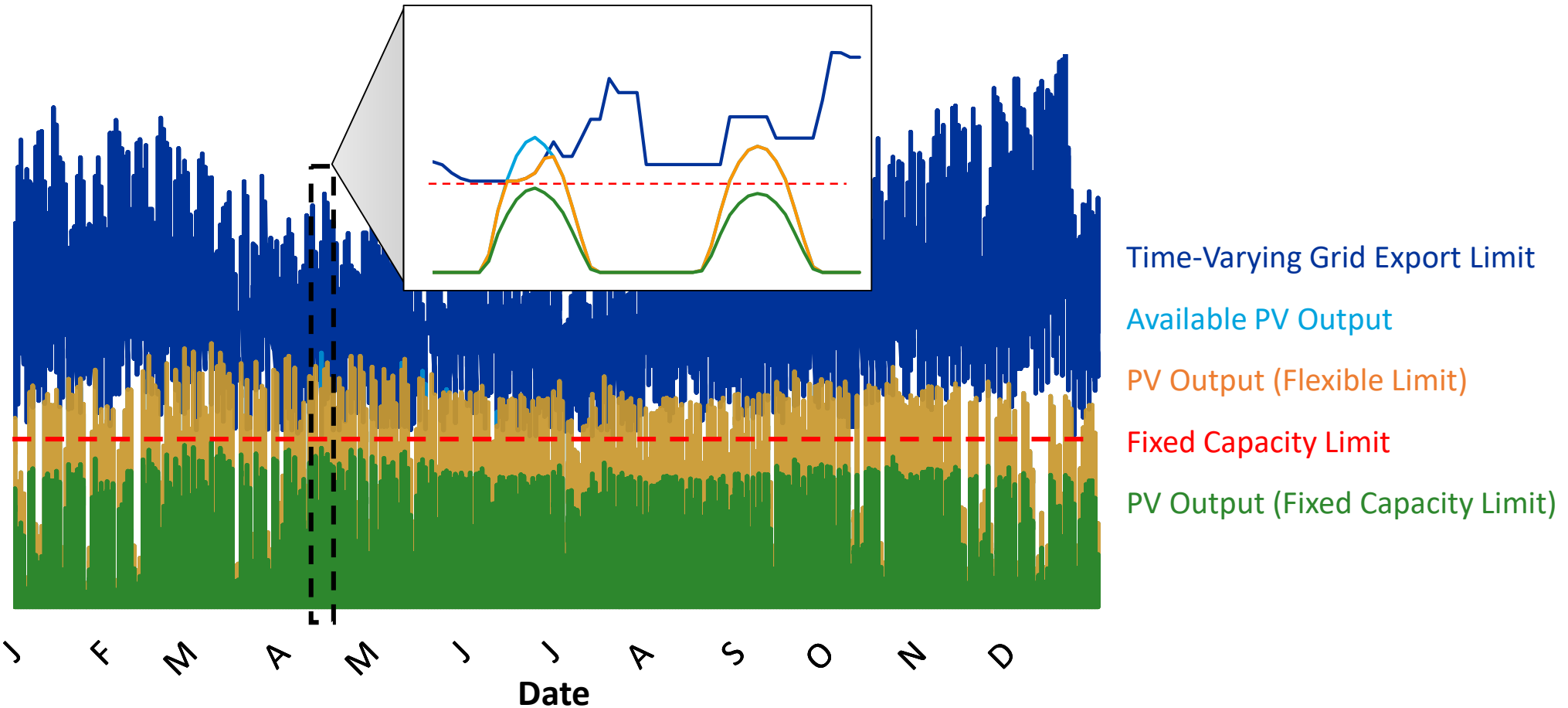


***Typical PV system designs limit (“clip”) available solar energy based on fixed capacity limits. Curtailment IS Cost-Effective for PV Plant Developers***



# Recognizing Time-Varying Grid Constraints

Should feeder capacity be expanded to be used only a few hours per year?



**Takeaway:** *Curtailment can be a low cost integration solution.*

# Rule 21 Ph 3 Sets-the-stage for Flexible Interconnections

*What is Flexible I/C ? Offer DER customers **faster** and **cheaper** interconnection to integrate **more DER** in areas with limited hosting capacity*

## Drivers

- Low resource costs
  - i.e. cheap/available land
- Expensive grid-side mitigation measures
- Infrequent need to curtail

### ***Example Use Case:***

- *Avoid construction of dedicated feeders*

## Benefits

- **DER customers:** faster, cheaper connection; can be temporary
- **Ratepayers:** reduce socialized portion of upgrade costs; improved network utilization
- **Policy objectives:** Accelerate progress towards DER penetration goals and/or emissions targets

# Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity

# RATES

## A Complete and Low-Cost Retail Automated Transactive Energy System

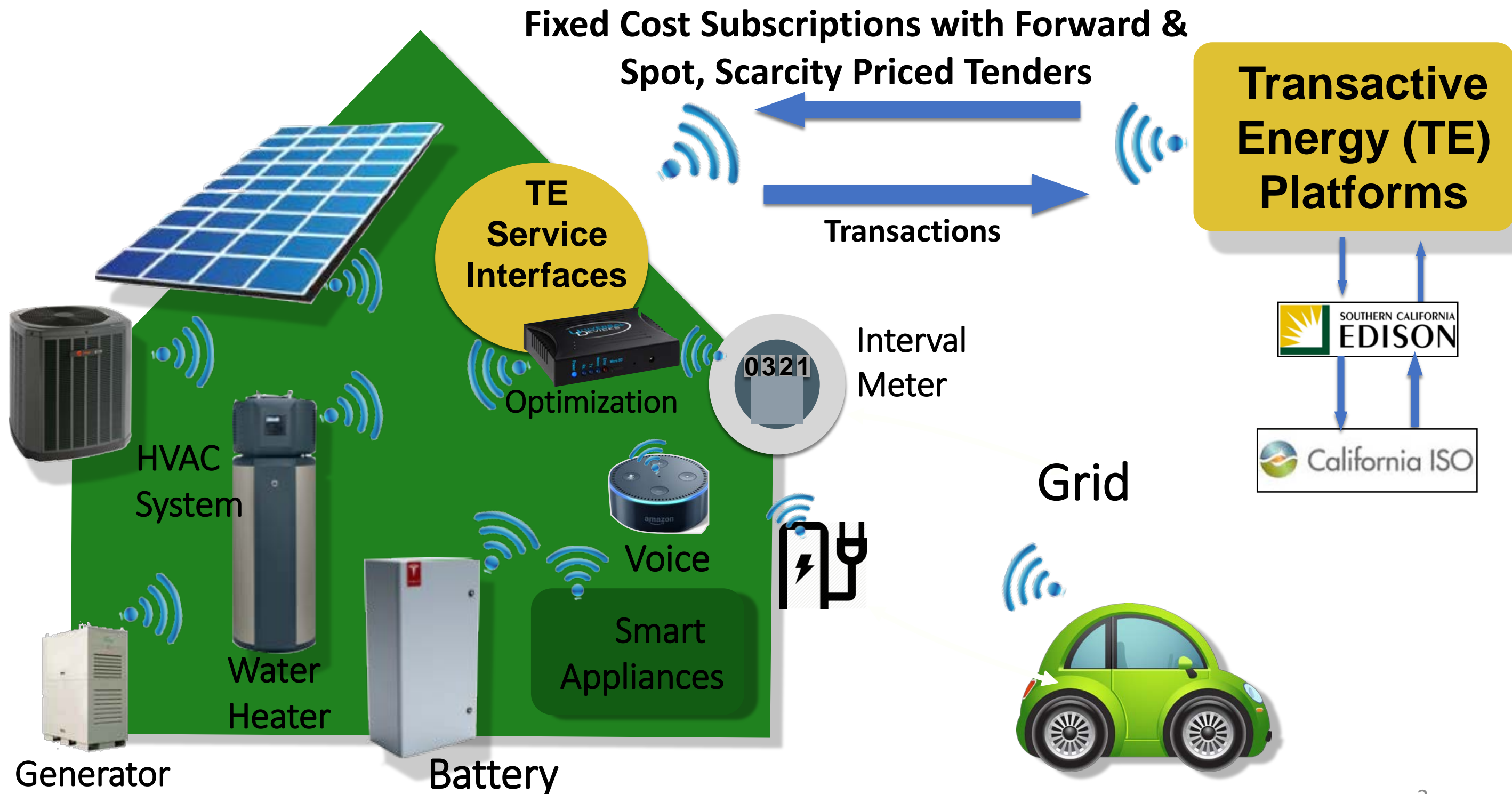
**Reduce Costs of Meeting California's 2045 100% Clean Energy, Electrification, and GHG Goals  
by  
Enabling Retail Customers to Self-Manage, Shape, and Shift Electricity Use, Storage, and Supply  
so that  
Net Electricity Usage Better Follows Variable Solar & Wind Generation  
using  
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**GFO 15-311 / Group 2**



- Fixed Cost Subscriptions Stabilize Customer Electric Bills
- Variable Buy and Sell Prices Enable Self-Management

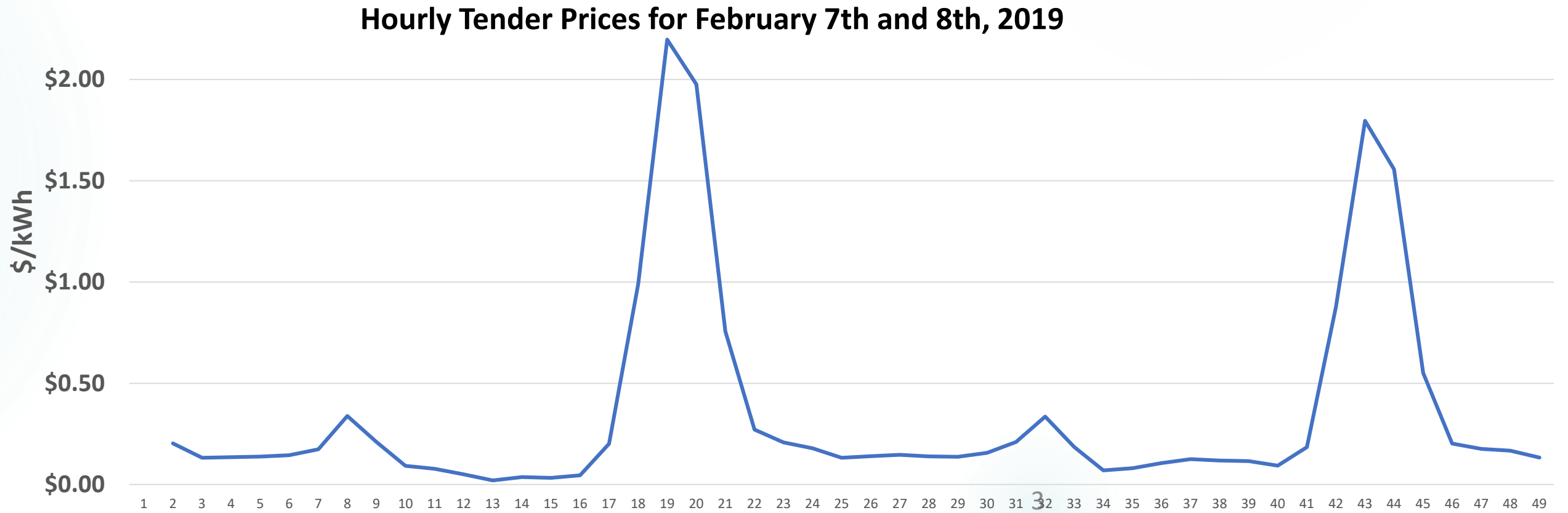
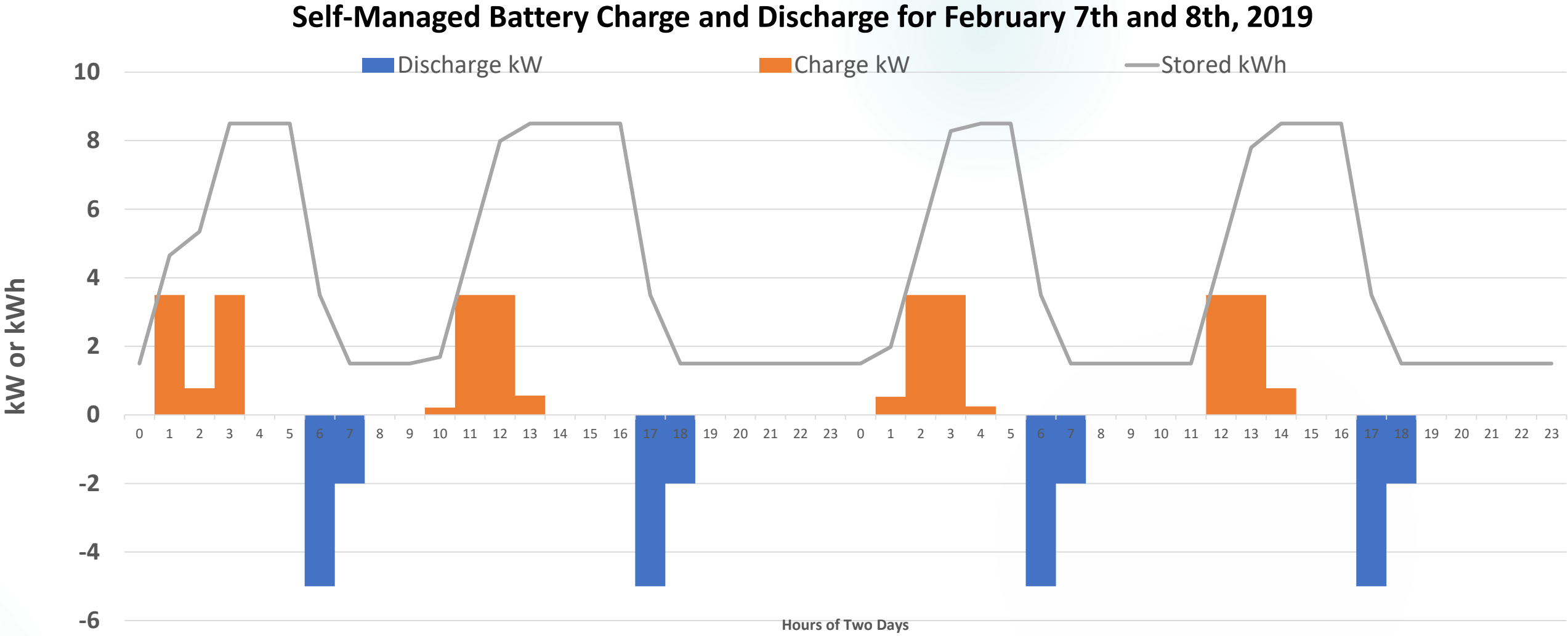




# RATES Customer Battery Example

**Battery Specifications:**  
9.8 kWh Storage Capacity  
8.5 kWh Maximum Storage  
1.5 kWh Minimum Storage  
5 kW Maximum Discharge Rate  
3.5 kW Maximum Charge Rate  
90% Round Trip Efficiency

**Operating Results:**  
14 kWh / Day Discharge  
15.56 kWh/ Day Charge  
  
**\$17.00** First Day Net Revenues  
**\$13.50** Second Day Net Revenues



# Smart Inverter Interoperability Standards and Open Testing Framework to Support High- Penetration Distributed Photovoltaics and Storage

Summary of EPC 14-303

February 19, 2019

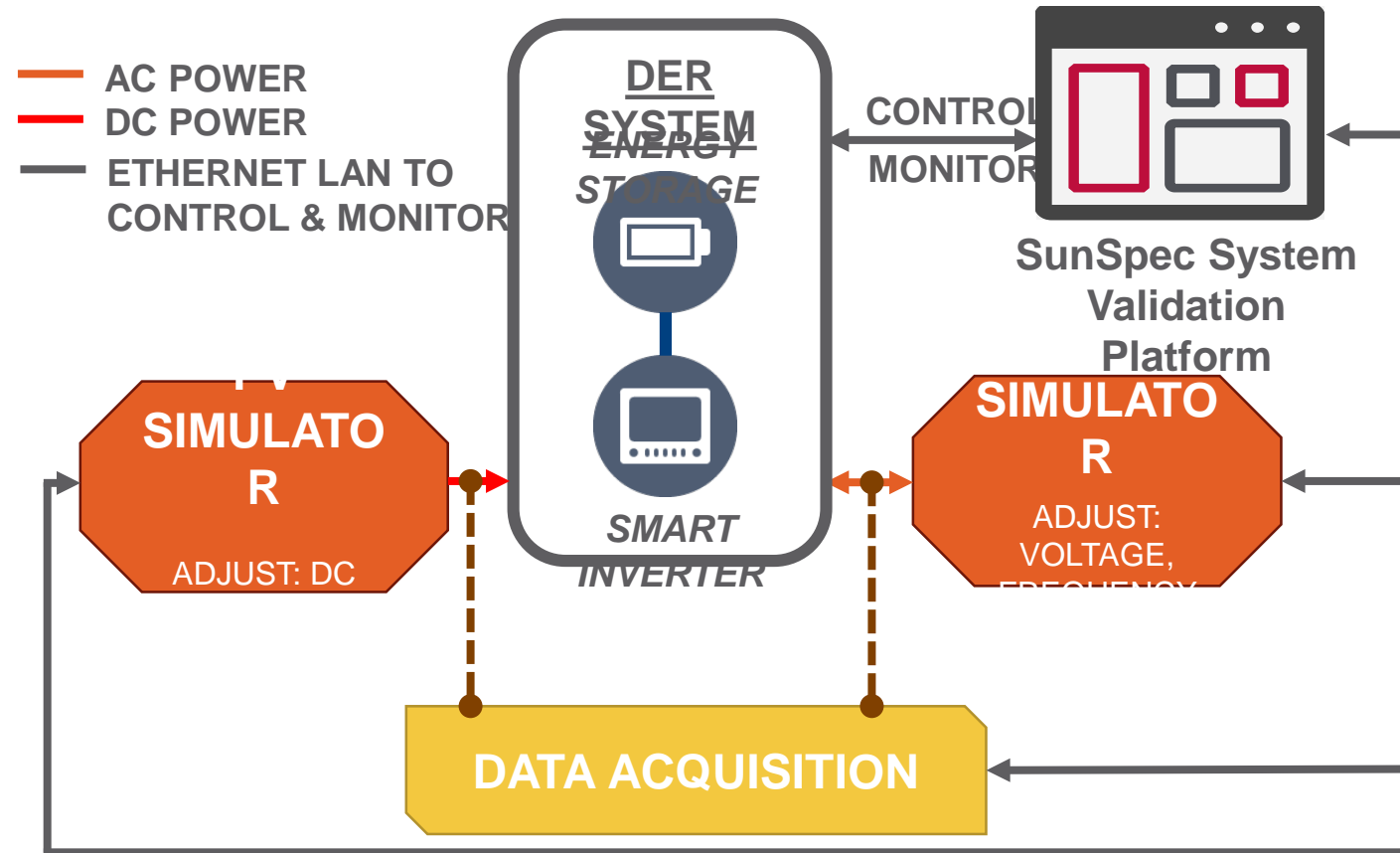
# Program Objectives

- Deliver a test & certification framework for CA Rule 21 compliance
- Reduce DER system engineering costs by 10%
- Demonstrate safe DER penetration on feeder circuits above the IEEE-mandated 15% limit using communication and smart inverters
- Demonstrate the ability of smart inverters to support the power grid during system disturbances and increase power grid reliability
- Identify new revenue models for DER investors and operators

# SunSpec Open Source Reference Test Platform

## Test Capability

- Advanced inverter and storage
- SunSpec Modbus
- IEEE 2030.5\*



\* Available Q1 2019



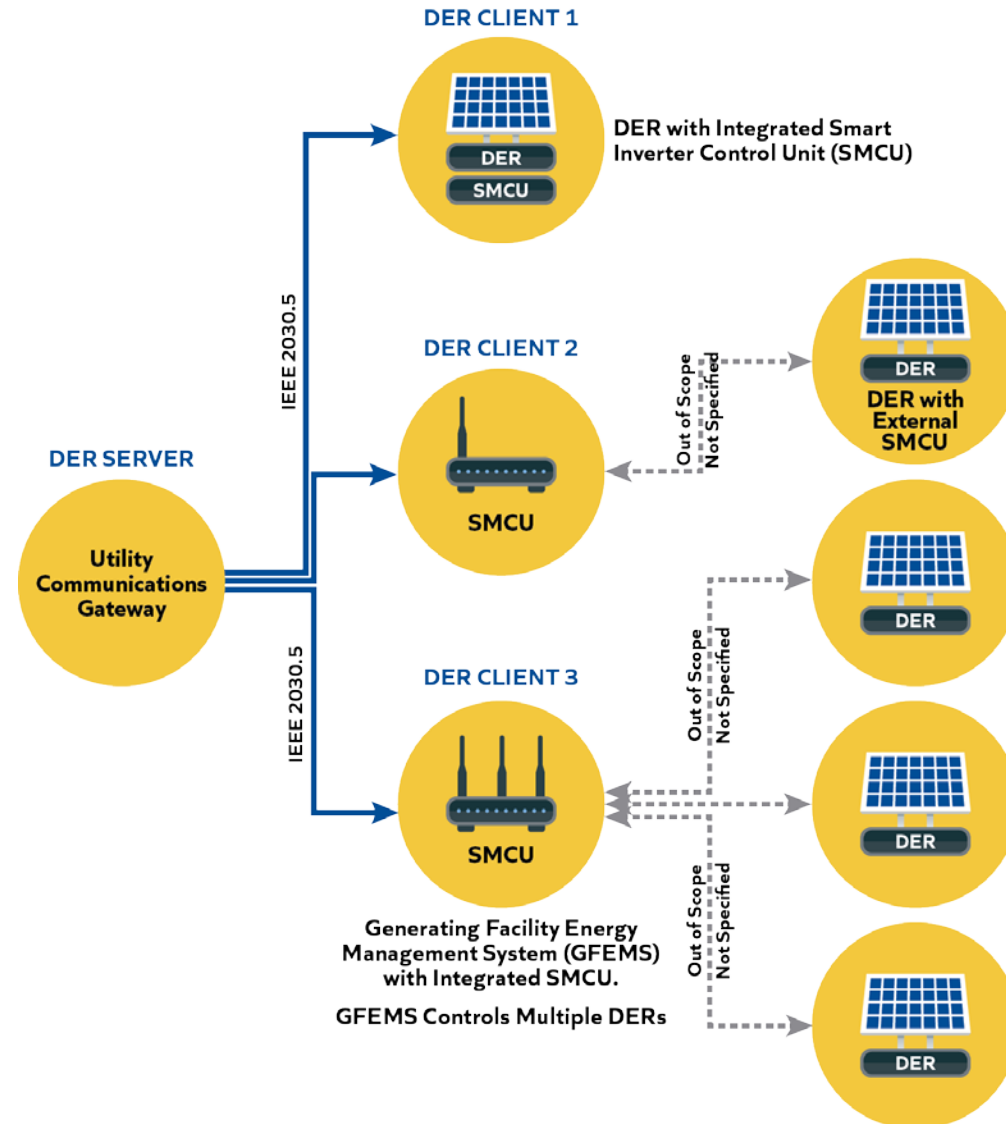
# SunSpec Open Source Reference Test Platform At UCSD

- Five manufacturers proven CA Rule 21 compliant
- Standard communication interface enables CA Rule 21 Phase 1 remote settings

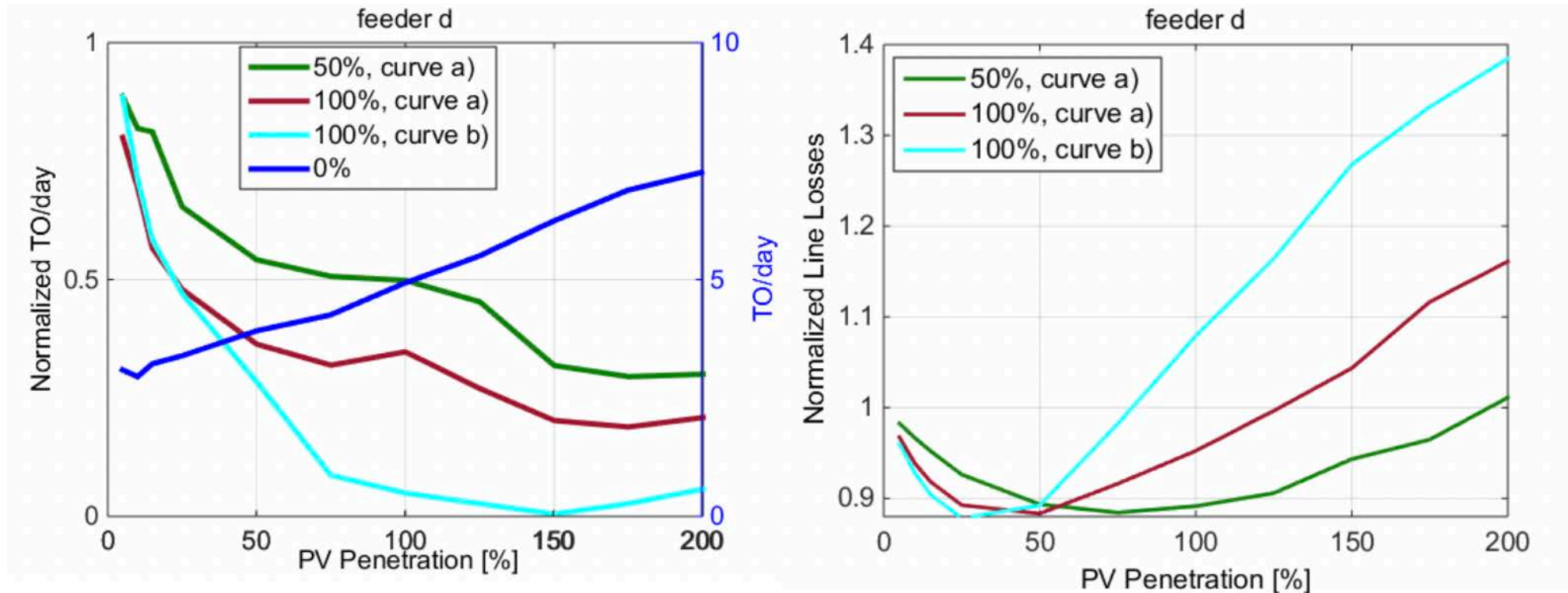


# IEEE 2030.5/CSIP Enhances Grid Stability

- 15 PV+storage systems networked with IEEE 2030.5/CSIP
- Demonstrated CA Rule 21 Phase 1 settings changes alleviate grid issues

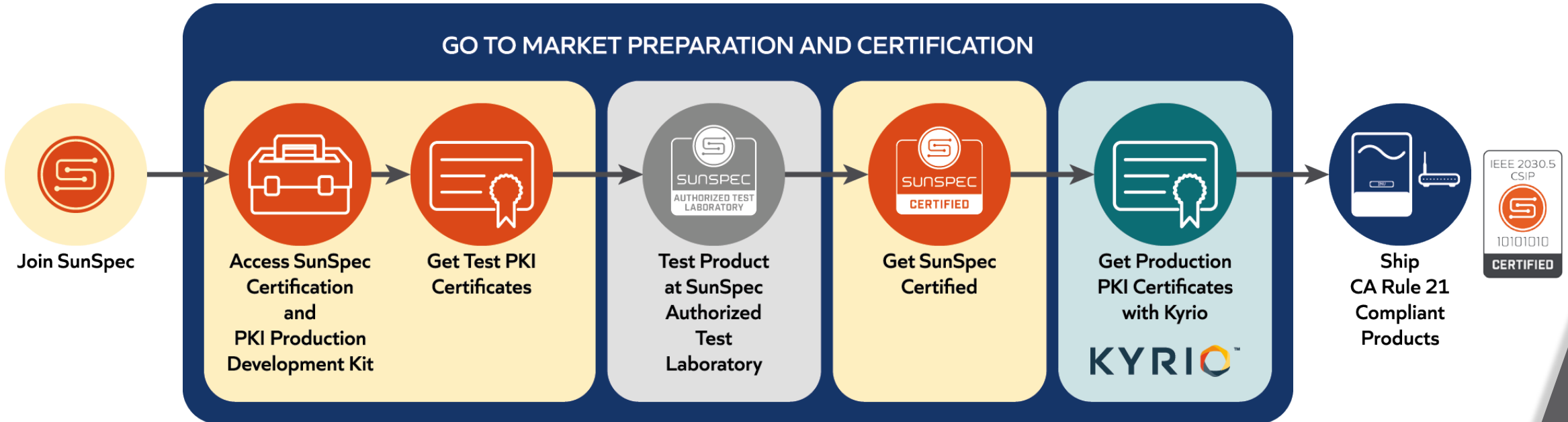


# DER Circuit Penetration: Safe At 1000V .



ES 2: Normalized tap operation (left) and line losses (right) as a function of increasing PV penetration. The left image has two y axis. The right axis represents the average tap operations per day of the feeder with increasing PV penetrations. The left axis represents normalized tap operations of the feeder in the presence of SI.

# Cost Efficiency From Standardization



- Standard communication interface eliminates network integration cost
- Standard PKI ensures uniform, low-cost cybersecurity solutions



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